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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Melissa Dawn Brumbelow, James Ryan Dunham and Dean Ivan Gillespie.

WHEREAS, the elected members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Melissa Dawn Brumbelow, James Ryan Dunham and Dean Ivan Gillespie; and

WHEREAS, the lives of these students, full of promise and potential for personal growth and service to mankind, were suddenly and tragically ended in an automobile accident in Coffee County, Tennessee, on November 19, 1994, a disaster which brought immeasurable grief not only to the families and friends of the victims but to the entire citizenry of Warren County;

WHEREAS, Melissa, Ryan and Dean were citizens of Warren County and students at Warren County High School, where they earned the respect, admiration and affection of their fellow students as well as the faculty and administration and where they were recognized for their excellence in academic performance, athletic accomplishments, public service involvement and school and community pride; and

WHEREAS, these students, by the force of their example, were models of quality citizenship, moral conviction and spiritual vitality, inspiring and challenging all who knew them to honor and practice the highest ideals of humanity and of their Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, they distinguished themselves not only as honor students but also in moral leadership and Christian witness and service in their respective churches and in the community at large; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body pause in their deliberations to remember the exemplary lives of these three young persons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Melissa Dawn Brumbelow, James Ryan Dunham and Dean Ivan Gillespie, remembering with admiration the excellence of their character and citizenship and the moral and spiritual inspiration of their lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and loved ones most directly touched by this tragedy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the families of Melissa Dawn Brumbelow, James Ryan Dunham and Dean Ivan Gillespie, with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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